

AINTREE U3A

Newsletter March 2016

On Tuesday March 1st Ian welcomed 84 members and with our `cuppa` we had Welsh Cakes to celebrate St David`s Day. Our speaker was John Thompson who spoke about his hobby of photography. He showed us some beautiful photographs of Yosemite Park, America and the Pier Head with some of the big liners. He also demonstrated how to enhance and improve images so they became works of art and many members appreciated his tips and recommendations.

Art Active Leader Eddie Caldwell

We will meet on Tuesdays from 2.00 – 4.00pm on the 8th and 22nd of March when they hope to paint water lilies in the style of Monet.

Bridge for Beginners Leader Jane Jones

The Bridge group meet each Monday, at the Centre, except on Easter Monday the 28th. The more experienced at 1.00pm and the beginners at 2.00pm.

Craft Group Leaders Lesley Darley & Kim Davies

The Group will meet on the 21st of March between 1.00 and 3.00pm. They will continue with the kits as well as decorating egg shapes for Easter.

Out & About Group Leaders Margaret Eastwood & Liz Wilson

There will be a theatre outing to the Unity Theatre on Thursday 7th April to see "Breakin` Pad".

It is hoped to have a coach trip to Haworth country on the 15th May cost will be approx £15

Spanish Group Leaders Bill & Edna Thomason

Spanish will be meeting on Fridays 4th and 18th March then 1st April at Bill and Edna`s home. Espanol conversacion curso anda bien y todos muy content (Spanish conversation course – all goes well and are very happy).

Walking Group Leader Tony Byrne

On Thursday 10th March the walk will be along the canal from Aintree to Lydiate or Maghull. Thursday 24th March the walk will be from Brunswick to Otterspool or Sefton Park. Meet as usual 9.50am at the station.

For both walks the ramblers and the amblers will follow different routes and have different finishing points.

Tony hopes to organise a walk in the Lake District sometime in June, lookout for details in the next months.

Community Gardening Leaders Marion Elson & Margaret Wagner

Marion and Margaret will be in touch with the members who form this group when the Gardening group will re-start in the spring. There will be a litter pick on Saturday 26th March at 11am. Meet at the station, all volunteers are welcome, this is a community based activity not U3A but Marion and Margaret are involved.

Local History group Leader Doreen Stock & Fred Forrest

Local history group meet on Wednesdays, 16th and 30th of March between 2.30 and 4.30pm. There is usually a theme but this can change if something of interest comes up. This month they hope to look at old maps and see how areas have grown and changed.

Around The World Group. Leader Jan Jones

Although it will be St Patrick`s Day, the theme is England, meet at the Packet Steamer, Northern Perimeter Road, a Beefeater restaurant, on the 17th March at 4.30. Names and £5 deposit to Jan as usual.

Cinema Group Leader Carol Whiteley

Due to the popularity of last month's `Silver Screening` to see "Suffragette" we meet 10.30 on Thursday 3rd March to see Brooklyn. It is hoped in the near future to see Oscar winner "The Revenant". If you wish to add your name to the list please contact Carol. Members on the list will be notified.

Computer group Leader Collette Forrest

The computer group meet on Thursdays 3rd and 17th March between 2.00 & 4.00pm. This will be the last session for the current group.

Creative Writing Group Contact Iona James

This group meet on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd of March between 11.00 – 12.00am. We have a topic and write for enjoyment, this often leads to a lively discussion, you do not have to be a serious writer to join, just have a go.

Singing for Fun Leader Eddie Caldwell

The group meet on Friday 11th March and because of Easter on 1st April at 10.30 – 11.30am

Card Making Leader Pat Williams

This new group meet on Tuesdays at 10.30 – 12.30. It is hoped to make an Easter card on the 15th March and there will be a card making session on 29th March.

Dancing If you are interested please put your name on the list at the Centre. Dancing is not just ballroom but covers different styles. For more information contact Jean Jones on 531 9905

Tea Rota – Please consider putting your name to the rota, to ensure the same people are not responsible for refreshments all the time. Thanks to all who have willingly made the tea it is much appreciated.

*Lists for activities, visits etc. will be found on a table in the committee room other information on our notice board.

Bits & pieces

**NW Region are holding "Musical Moments", at Hoylake on 13th May from 10.30 – 3.30 lunch provided cost £10. A day to investigate different ways to organise music. In the morning Andy Smith will give a talk and in the afternoon 2 workshops can be selected. Forms can be downloaded from Regional website or tel. Liz Wilson (secretary) on 474 6843 for more information. This will probably be very popular so if you are interested please apply asap.

* Library at the Centre is open on Tuesdays 10.30 -12.30, Thursdays 2.00 - 4.00pm and Saturdays 10.30 – 12.30

* Tai Chi meet on Wednesdays at 1.30 – 2.30pm. Cost is £2.50 for information contact Mike on 476 4782.

* Celebrate St George's Day on Saturday 23rd April at the Centre with a scouse and crusty bread supper.

*On Thursday 17th March 10am at Christ Church, Long Lane, Aughton; Samir Babioni, a robotocist, will talk and give a demonstration, "Robot in a Suitcase". This is to show how robots can aid the lives of U3A members in the future. Please arrive early as this event will be very popular and be prepared to show your membership card.

* St Giles have special Easter events this month, including bingo on Friday 11th March and Cielidh dance night on 12th March. Holy Rosary Church will have a bingo night on 17th March in aid of Woodlands. Please contact Woodlands for information and tickets.

* The Burjesta Theatre is performing `The Odessey` at the Casa, Hope Street on 12th, 13th, 15th and 16th of April. It is suggested that some might attend on Friday 15th. A list will be in the committee room next meeting.

*If you have any relevant information for the newsletter please contact Iona James, 526 7832 or Liz Wilson, secretary.

*Put aintreeu3a into Google to find our website to see photos of different events and groups.

Next meeting Tuesday 5th April

The speaker will be Rev. Ben Rees who will speak on `Liverpool Women`.